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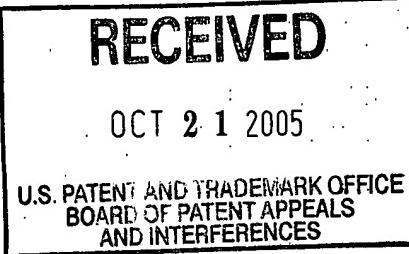
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5 *Ex parte* Stephen M. REUNING  
 Serial No. 09/897,826  
 Filing Date: 03 July 2001

Appeal No.: 2004-1714Rule 197(b)  
 REQUEST FOR REHEARING

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## RULE 197(B) REQUEST FOR REHEARING

25 This REQUEST FOR REHEARING is submitted in response to the DECISION ON APPEAL (30 Sept 2004). This paper is due within two months of the mailing date of the DECISION ON APPEAL; this paper is thus believed timely filed. No fee is believed required.

## GROUNDS UPON WHICH REHEARING IS SOUGHT

30 Applicant respectfully believes the Board has failed to fully understand the agency's previous administrative fact findings. Applicant senses that this error may simply be due to the Office's failure to forward to the Board the complete prosecution history, including a copy of the parent application file, Serial No. 08/984,650.

35 The immediate case recites claims copied from the parent application. In the parent case, the Examiner accepted Applicant's RULE 132 DECLARATION to antedate the MCGOVERN reference. In the immediate case, however, the Examiner refuses to accept the same DECLARATION, to antedate the same reference, for the same claims.

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Art Unit 2175  
Examiner Samuel RIMELL, Esq.

**POINTS OF LAW OR FACT OVERLOOKED OR MISAPPREHENDED**

The DECISION ON APPEAL correctly notes that "the claims on appeal are different from the claims allowed in the parent application." See DECISION ON APPEAL at 3.

5 This is incorrect. The claims on appeal are different from those recited included in the published issued parent patent. The parent application, however, included additional claims found allowable by the Office. After the Office confirmed the patentability of this subject matter, these claims were deleted from the parent and filed in the immediate case, based on the Examiner's representation that these claims would be promptly allowed.

10 The DECISION ON APPEAL also misapprehends the content of MCCOVERN, because the DECISION contradicts the agency's administrative factual findings that MCCOVERN fails to each claim element.

15 The DECISION accurately summarizes the claimed invention as a system for locating an individual with specifically defined professional qualifications. See DECISION at 1. The DECISION accurately summarizes the claimed invention:

- 20 1. A system for locating an individual with specifically defined professional qualifications, the system comprising: a. a filter that can search a web page to identify in said web page the presence or absence of specifically defined professional qualifications, and b. an e-mail address extractor that can extract an e-mail address from said web page.

Thus, application claim 1 emails using specifically defined criteria to filter web pages, and then extracting email addresses from them. The parent application recited similar application claims.

For example, parent application claim 18 claims:

- 25 18. A computer implemented method comprising: a. locating an Internet site page or web posting which contains operator specified text comprising specifically defined experiences ...; b. extracting from said Internet site page or web posting an email address; and c. sending an electronic mail message to said extracted address.

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*See AMENDMENT IN SERIAL NO. 08/984,650 at 4-5 (15 Feb. 2000). Thus, parent application claim 18, like the immediate application claim 1, entails using specifically defined criteria to filter web pages, and then extracting email addresses from them.<sup>1</sup>*

5 In the parent case, parent application claim 18 was rejected as obvious over MCGOVERN. *See OFFICE ACTION at 4-6 (1 May 2000).*

In response, Applicant submitted a RULE 132 DECLARATION (14 July 2000). In response, the Office withdrew the obviousness rejection over MCGOVERN and conceded that claim 18 is patentable. *See e.g., OFFICE ACTION at 2 (24 Aug. 2000).*

10 In response to the 1 May 2000 obviousness rejection over MCGOVERN, Applicant also explained that "McGovern does not disclose a system involving getting an e-mail address – by extraction or otherwise – from an Internet page or web posting; McGovern's e-mail addresses need to be individually sent to or input into the system." *See AMENDMENT at 6-7 (14 July 2000)* (emphasis in original). In response, the Office withdrew the rejection based on MCGOVERN and conceded that claim 18 is patentable. *See e.g., OFFICE ACTION at 2 (24 Aug. 2000).*

15 The Office made an express written finding that claim 18 is patentable (in fact, the Office reiterated this finding more than once). The Office has found that "comparing text against professional qualifications and electronically extracting e-mail addresses when those qualifications are met" is a novel, non-obvious combination. Based on the Office's written fact finding, Applicant filed the immediate application. Having made this fact finding, and having represented to Applicant *in writing* that the immediate subject matter is patentable, the Board 20 should not condone the Examiner's arbitrary and capricious change in position.

<sup>1</sup> N.B.: Parent application claim No.18 also includes a third step: sending an email. It might have been argued that this third step differentiates the two claims; making the Applicant's Declaration applicable to one, but not the other. The Office, however, specifically rejected this argument, finding, to the contrary, that extracting an email address inherently includes sending an email as a mere obvious variant thereof. The Office has therefore found step c. not material.

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## SUMMARY

The DECISION ON APPEAL (30 Sept 2004) relies on factual assumptions which are directly contradicted by the agency's prior administrative fact findings. MCGOVERN fails to include each claim element, and MCGOVERN must be withdrawn as a reference because the Office has previously concluded that Applicant antedates it.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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<b>Notice of Abandonment</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/897,826	REUNING, STEPHEN MICHAEL
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Sam Rimell	2165

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This application is abandoned in view of:

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 (b)  A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
     (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).  
 (c)  A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).  
 (d)  No reply has been received.
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 (b)  The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
     The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
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5.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.31(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
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Sam Rimell  
Primary Examiner  
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Under Rule 8(b)(3)

On 23 November 2004, I filed a Rule 97(b) REQUEST FOR REHEARING in this case. This request is believed timely filed, because it was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Board's decision. Per the Board's instruction, I submitted this by facsimile to the Board at 703-308-7952. Per Rule 1.8, I accompanied this with a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission.

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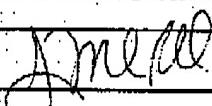
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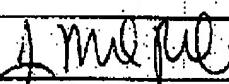
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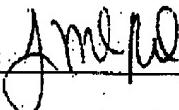
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